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SUBJECT: PROPOSED CALL ON PRIMIN BHUTTO

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1. I ENTIRELY AGREE THAT CHARGE SOBER SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO INFORM PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO OF THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO MRS. GANDHI IN REGARD TO PAKISTAN'S INDEPENDENCE AND INTEGRITY AND DEVELOPMENTS ON THE AFGHAN BORDER. I GREATLY PREFER, HOWEVER, THAT SOBER NOT RPT NOT GO FARTHER THAN THIS. I BELIEVE IT BEST THAT MRS. GANDHI AND BHUTTO COMMUNICATE THEIR VIEWS DIRECTLY TO EACH OTHER AND I WOULD NOT LIKE OUR SLOWLY IMPROVING RELATIONSHIP HERE TO BE HARMED BY ANY POSSIBLE PLAYBACK FROM ISLAMABAD.

2. THEREFORE IF THE DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZES SOBER TO PASS ON THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE AND BHUTTO ASKS WHAT MRS. GANDHI'S REPLY WAS, I HOPE SOBER WILL LIMIT HIMSELF TO SAYING SHE AGREED THAT THE INDEPENDENCE AND INTEGRITY OF PAKISTAN WAS INDEED A CORNERSTONE OF INDIAN POLICY. THE POINT WOULD BE THAT THIS WAS NOT A SOLEMN STATEMENT OF POLICY BY THE PRIME MINISTER. SHE COULD VERY WELL HAVE MEANT IT IN A DEEP SENSE, OR SHE COULD HAVE MERELY

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BEEN RESPONDING ROUTINELY TO MY REPORT OF OUR PLEASURE.
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